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To whom it may concern:

Recently, Microsoft was accused by AOL/Time Warner on behalf of Netscape to have violated antitrust laws. They say that since Microsoft is bundling Internet Explorer with the Windows operating system, they are monopolizing the business. I agree with this statement because by putting their web browser on the computer, most users will use it because it comes installed on the computer. This has the potential to drive Netscape out of business because only people who specifically want Netscape will use it. Those who do not care will use Internet Explorer because it comes installed on the computer. This event is similar to the time around the industrial revolution, when larger companies would drive smaller companies out of business, then buy them for almost nothing. Similarly, Microsoft is trying to destroy Netscape, but not to buy it out. Instead, it wants to disable AOL/Time Warner?s hold in the web browser business. In conclusion, Microsoft?s bundling of Internet Explorer with Windows is a clear attempt at a monopoly and must be stopped.